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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Hideyuki Kano

Application No.: 09/914,449

Group Art Unit: 1771

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Examiner: L. Torres

For: BEDSORE PREVENTING METHOD, BEDSORE PREVENTING SHEET,
BEDSORE PREVENTING CLOTH, BEDSORE PREVENTING MATTRESS,
BEDSORE PREVENTING BED, BEDSORE PREVENTING BED PAD, BEDSORE
PREVENTING PRODUCT, AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 9, 2003 (Paper No. 3), applicant hereby provisionally elects Group IV, claims 16 and 17 for continued examination, with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between Group I, claims 1-11, Group II, claims 12 and 13, Group III, claims 14 and 15, and Group IV, claims 16 and 17.

The Commissioner may require restriction if two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in a single application (37 CFR 1.142(a)). In the present case, although the claimed subject matter may be classified in different classes, the inventions are not independent. Although the Examiner states that the four groups of the inventions of the present application lack the same or corresponding special technique features, it is to be noted that all the claims except for claim 15 relate to Bedsore Prevention utilizing deodorant which is processed through graft polymerization. The pith of the present invention resides in the use of such deodorant, and it is believed that this inventive concept is common to all the groups.

Accordingly, each of claims 1-17 presently pending in this application be examined.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including any extension fees, to CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

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